

HOUSE RESOLUTION 68

By Jones

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the coaches and members of the Lighthouse Christian School girls' basketball team upon winning the state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those student-athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lighthouse Christian School girls' basketball team and head coach Billy Stone have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently won the state championship; and

WHEREAS, determined to pursue their focus for the season, "invest in the process . . . embrace the journey," the Lady Lions propelled themselves to an 18–13 record. They won twelve of their last thirteen games, with the season culminating in a dominant victory against the Middle Tennessee Heat to win the state championship (41–26); and

WHEREAS, many members of the Lady Lions team had successful seasons; among them, Miriam Kirk and Aaraven Gilbert received All Tournament honors, and Lauren Flowers was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, the Lighthouse Christian School girls' basketball team includes team captain Miriam Kirk, Shanna Douglas, Jasmin Tatum, Olivia Young, Aaraven Gilbert, Lindsay Gray, Natalie Jiron, Lauren Flowers, Natalie Luken, Alexandra Sweatt, Gracie Kaufman, and Amiah Gray; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary basketball program has been shaped and forged by coach Billy Stone, assistant coaches Monique Cordero and Jasmin Dale, and team mom Margienell Kirk; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lighthouse Christian School Lady Lions basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Lighthouse Christian School Lady Lions basketball team for their outstanding performance, and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Lighthouse Christian School girls' basketball team upon winning the state championship, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.